

**MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC) MEETING
MINUTES # 3—2012**

DATE: February 27, 2012
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room # 2—2nd Floor—Court House
Rhineland WI

PRESENT: Committee Chair Dave Hintz; Committee Members Peter Wolk; Mike Timmons; Gary Baier; Tom Rudolph. John Bilogan, Forest Director. Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel. Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Alan & Sharon VanRaalte, Lynn Broydick, Paul Herder, Sarah Juon, Tina VanZile, Kriste & Lloyd Strasberg, Karl Fate, Bryan Hoover, Marcus Neemann, Tracy Benzel, Paul Herder, Jeff Brown, Ted DeMatte, Natalene Cummings, and Wil Losch w/students from NCSS school.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—Committee Chair Hintz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., noting that the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda at Chair’s discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES of February 13, 2012 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING OPTIONS—Hintz submitted a draft proposal for meetings; locations, number, timing, agendas, and a public opinion survey. There was public discussion; need more meetings, more county locations, meeting formats and who should attend. Suggested additional survey questions. It was moved by Baier to schedule a date for the first public information meeting to be held in Lynne on a Saturday. Wolk seconded. It will be scheduled once the new committee is appointed and after the meeting with the LDF Tribal Council. All aye. Motion carried.

Bilogan asked whether the committee will be made up according to prior memo, specifying department heads to be included.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Wil Losch – Meetings should be on Saturday or after 5 pm so more public can attend
Alan VanRaalte – Need more than two official meetings. Environmental groups should attend as well as mining companies. Mining companies should also provide financial information.

Kriste Strasberg -The committee should have brought in experts to the meetings to answer questions so everyone could learn about this.

Jeff Brown – Can mining sulfide be done safely? What technology is available? Jobs would be great for locals, but more likely miners will be brought in from other states and the mine will offer little employment to people living in this area.

Lloyd Strasberg – These 250-300 jobs are temporary. What will happen after the mine closes in 10 or 20 years? Keep the long term economics of the county in mind.

Karl Fate – Committee suffers from lack of leadership which forced the issue to the county board. Committee should have demonstrated leadership by stopping any further consideration of mining. It was obvious two years ago that people are concerned. Lack credibility by always going into closed sessions. Leasing of public resources should not happen before the hearings.

Tracy Benzel – Question and answer period is a good change from past meetings.

THE COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85 (1)(E) DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION—

Corporation Counsel, Brian Desmond, recommended closed session to discuss the Exploration Mining Agreement, as the anticipated outcome is for the County to get the best deal possible. It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Rudolph, to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: all aye. Motion carried.

THE COMMITTEE WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND MAY RATIFY ANY MATTER(S) DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION—

It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Wolk, to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: All aye. Motion carried. No action taken in closed session. Corporation counsel evaluating release of updated Oneida County Metallic Mineral Exploration Agreement with Options to Prospect and Mine.

ACTION PLAN UPDATES

- a) Committee Consolidation – Hintz volunteered to take this committee's work to new committee to help develop agenda and timing.
- b) Meeting with LDF Tribal Council – Will meet with new committee, approximately late April or early May.
- c) Public Information Meetings – First meeting will be in May after the new committee meets with Tribal Council.

BUDGET / BILLS / VOUCHERS / LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—

No Budget, Bills, Vouchers or Line Item Transfers presented.

SELECT DATE FOR FUTURE MEETING—April 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING—

Corporation Counsel's opinion on document release.

ADJOURNMENT—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Timmons, to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. Motion carried.

DAVE HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY